

# NEWS and NOTES

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### FRESNO

Recommendation that a **pathologist** be engaged by Fresno County for assignment on a part-time basis to the **coroner's office** was forwarded to the board of supervisors last month by the Fresno County Medical Society. It was suggested that the medical examiner be made responsible for determining the cause of death as set down on death reports and that he be available for advice to the coroner in any case in which doubt as to diagnosis might indicate the necessity for autopsy.

### LOS ANGELES

The 49th annual meeting of the **American Proctologic Society** will be held in Los Angeles, July 2 to 5, 1950. Information regarding the meeting and the program may be obtained from Wendell Green, M.D., 201 Professional Building, 1838 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo 2, Ohio.

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A research fund of \$3,500 for investigation of diseases of the heart and lungs was presented to the University of California Medical Center, Los Angeles, by the Bay District Surgical Society. The society is made up of a group of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica surgeons. Members of the staff of the U.C.L.A. Medical School and of the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital will cooperate in the study, which will be concerned primarily with heart disease stemming from rheumatic fever.

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The Los Angeles Obstetrical and Gynecological Society named **Dr. Erle Henriksen**, associate professor of gynecology at the University of Southern California, as winner of its second annual essay award for the most outstanding paper on obstetrics and gynecology published during 1949. The winning paper, "The Lymphatic Spread of Carcinoma of the Cervix and of the Body of the Uterus," was published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, November 1949.

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A three-day course in medicolegal problems, jointly sponsored by the University of California Extension and the School of Medicine and the School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles, is to be given on the U.C.L.A. campus June 19, 20, and 21. Louis J. Regan, M.D., LL.B., professor of legal medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, will be general chairman of the course.

Requests for programs for the course and applications for enrollment may be addressed to S. J. Weinberg, M.D., Head of Postgraduate Instruction, Medical Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

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University of California Extension and the University's School of Medicine have announced a postgraduate course in diagnosis and therapy of cancer, including clinical surgery, radiation therapy and endocrine therapy, to be held from July 17 to 22 in the medical library conference room,

fourth floor, General Medical and Surgical Hospital, Veterans Administration Center, Los Angeles.

Complete announcement of the course, together with an enrollment blank, may be obtained from the Office of Medical Extension, University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24, California. Fee for the course is \$100.

### SACRAMENTO

The second annual scientific assembly of the **California Academy of General Practice** will be held in Sacramento November 8, 9 and 10, 1950. Attendance of 600 to 700 is expected. Chairman of the committee on local arrangements is Dr. John Rovane of Sacramento, and general chairman of the meeting is Dr. Merlin Newkirk of Los Angeles.

The academy recently announced that Mr. William Rogers, now an employee of Alameda County Medical Association, has been engaged as executive secretary. He will take over his duties with the academy July 1.

### SAN DIEGO

**Dr. Alvin R. Leonard**, formerly of the Bureau of Adult Health, recently accepted appointment as assistant director of the San Diego City-County Health Department, a position which had remained open since July 1949, when Dr. J. B. Askew, then assistant, was appointed health officer upon the retirement of Dr. Alex Lesem.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Stanford University School of Medicine has announced 13 postgraduate courses for practicing physicians to be held September 11 to 15, 1950. Morning courses, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to noon: (1) general surgery; (2) acute surgical emergencies; (3) surgical anatomy; (4) internal medicine; (5) electrocardiography; (6) diseases of the chest; and (7) pediatrics.

Afternoon courses, Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 5: (8) surgical anatomy; (9) proctology; (10) fundamentals of roentgen diagnosis; (11) fractures; (12) internal medicine; and (13) obstetrics and gynecology.

Fee for two courses (one morning course and one in the afternoon) is \$75. Applications and requests for information should be directed to: Dean, Stanford University School of Medicine, 2398 Sacramento Street, San Francisco 15.

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A postgraduate course in psychiatry and neurology, to be held at the Langley Porter Clinic, August 28 through November 17, 1950, has been announced by the Extension Division of the University of California School of Medicine. A repetition of a course given previously, it is particularly designed to prepare psychiatrists and neurologists for taking the examinations of the **American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology**. Fee for this course is \$200. Further information may be obtained from Stacy R. Mettier, M.D., Head of Postgraduate Instruction, Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California.

# AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## *Annual Session*

SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 26-30, 1950

### *Contemporary Scientific and Social Meetings*

A number of scientific organizations and social groups have scheduled meetings in San Francisco during or immediately before or after the A.M.A. Annual Session. A list of announcements of such meetings that have been received by CALIFORNIA MEDICINE follows:

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ALUMNI SOCIETY DINNER

Fairmont Hotel

June 28, 7 p.m.

Principal Speakers: Dean John McKenney Mitchell, and I. S. Ravdin, John Rea Barton professor of surgery.

Address: Dwight L. Wilbur, M.D., 655 Sutter St., San Francisco.

#### SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY (Scientific Program)

Fairmont Hotel

June 25, morning (9 o'clock) and afternoon (2 o'clock) session. (Meetings open to all physicians).

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL ALUMNI DINNER

Fairmont Hotel

June 29, 7 p.m.

Address: Angelo May, M.D., 450 Sutter St., San Francisco.

#### A.M.A. GOLF TOURNAMENT

Olympic Golf Club (two courses)

June 26

Address: William J. Burns, Secretary American Medical Golfing Association, 2020 Olds Tower, Lansing 8, Michigan.

#### PHI BETA PI DINNER

Union League Club, 555 Post St.

June 27, 7 p.m. (Cocktails at 6 p.m.)

Tickets available at a registration desk at A.M.A. convention headquarters.

#### TUFTS MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER

Rickey's Town House, Van Ness Ave. and Clay St.

June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: A.M.A. Registration Area 1, or John F. Martin, M.D., 1155 Jones St., San Francisco 9.

#### 1ST MEDICAL REGIMENT REUNION

Claremont Hotel, Berkeley

June 28, 6:30 p.m.; cocktails; 8:00 p.m., dinner (\$3.50).

Address: Charles B. Hudson, M.D., 400 29th St., Oakland 9; or Louis B. Goldstein, M.D., 450 Sutter St., San Francisco 8.

#### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS

St. Francis Hotel

June 22-25

Oral and written examinations for Fellowship will be held June 22. Candidates who would like to take the examination should make arrangements with Murray Kornfield, 500 North Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Illinois.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY

Clift Hotel

June 25-26

(See Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology, May 1950, for scientific program).

#### WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Curran Theater

June 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All A.M.A. members invited to attend.

#### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PROCTOLOGY

Second Annual Convention (Scientific Program)

June 23-24

Address: Alfred J. Cantor, M.D., 43-55 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.

### SHASTA

Appointment of Dr. Byrl Rittenhouse of Riverside as Tehama County physician, effective July 15, was announced last month by the board of supervisors. Dr. Rittenhouse, who will succeed Dr. Thomas D. Wyatt, now serving on a part-time basis, received the appointment after a letter from the Shasta County Medical Society, pledging support and assistance to him, was read to the county supervisors. In accepting the position, the new county physician said it was with the understanding that the supervisors would favor permitting members of the medical society to make the rounds of the hospital.

### SOLANO

Dr. H. Gordon MacLean of Oakland, President-elect of the California Medical Association, principal speaker at a meeting of the Solano County Medical Society last month, discussed "Legislation and Public Relations."

Other C.M.A. officials at the meeting, which was also attended by guests from the Marin, Napa and Sonoma county medical societies, were Dr. Alson Kilgore of San Francisco; Dr. Dwight H. Murray of Napa, a Trustee of the American Medical Association; Dr. John W. Green of Vallejo, C.M.A. Councilor for the Ninth District; and Dr. F. R. Hook of San Francisco, medical director of the C.M.A. Cancer Commission.

### SONOMA

Dr. Robert Westphal, who recently resigned as director of the Riverside County Health Department, was appointed to a similar position in Sonoma County, effective May 1. Dr. Westphal had served in Riverside since June 1948. Before that he was deputy county health officer at Rochester, N. Y.

### GENERAL

At the annual meeting of the California Society of Allergy, held in San Diego May 1, 1950, the following officers were elected for 1950: President, Frank G. Crandall, Jr.,

M.D., Los Angeles; president-elect, Samuel H. Hurwitz, M.D., San Francisco; secretary-treasurer, M. Coleman Harris, M.D., Beverly Hills.

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The Foundation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery offers as its 1950 award \$500 (first prize of \$300, second prize of \$200) and a certificate of merit, for essays on some original unpublished subject in plastic surgery.

Competition is limited to residents in plastic surgery of recognized hospitals and to plastic surgeons who have been in such specific practice for not more than five years.

The first prize essay will appear on the program of the forthcoming annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, to be held in Mexico City, November 27 to 29, 1950. Essays must be in before August 15, 1950.

Further details may be obtained from Dr. Clarence R. Straatsma, 66 East 79th Street, New York, N. Y.

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Five California institutions last month received U. S. Public Health Service grants totalling \$36,518 to aid in laboratory and clinical research on cancer. Two of the grants went to the University of California—\$5,298 for studies on the serial passage of Hodgkin's disease extracts in chicken eggs, under the direction of Dr. Warren L. Bostick; \$12,000 for isotopic tracer studies of tissue synthesis and the reactions of metabolic antagonists, under the direction of Dr. David Greenberg.

The Laboratory for Research on the Treatment of Cancer, Boulder Creek, was awarded \$1,225. Los Angeles County Hospital received \$12,500 in support of studies conducted by Dr. Harold F. Pearson on metabolism of tissue in relation to propagation of viruses, and Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, was allotted \$5,500 for studies by Dr. Gerson R. Biskind on hormone metabolism of experimental ovarian tumors in rats.

